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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

The following is a letter sent to all my representatives. Please note my disapproval of the MOU as currently drafted

Dear Senator,

As a pharmacist in San Antonio, one of the most exciting developments has been the reintroduction of prescription compounding. It is like pharmacy used to be prior to being taken over by the pharmaceutical mega-companies. We really serve the public more than the giants because we are willing to go the extra mile to solve specific drug problems for doctors and patients. A pharmaceutical company cannot serve these niches that are so small, but extremely needy. There just is not enough money in it for them.

The FDA hates for pharmacists to be able to practice pharmacy without them and serve this tiny need. They have gone to great pains to put this practice out of business or severely hamper it with their regulations to the detriment of patients who depend on these therapies. Every time we beat the FDA back, they devote new efforts to tie the hands of hard-working pharmacists.

Currently there is another try by the FDA to hamper patients and doctors ability to obtain what patients need. I am against the MOU as currently defines. In its present form the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the right of physicians and patients to obtain health care products from the provider of their choice, and infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacist to serve the public's medical needs.

Thank you very much for listening.

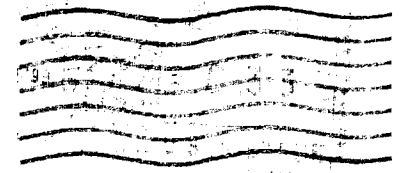


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